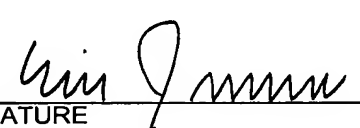


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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br>CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371   |   | Attorney Docket No.<br><b>8007-1080</b><br>U.S. Application No.<br><b>10/518512</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br><b>PCT/JP2003/07423</b>  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>June 11, 2003</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>June 24, 2002</b>                                       |
| TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>FLAME RETARDANT COMPOSITION AND FLAME-RETARDANT RESIN COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME</b>   |   |   |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Haruki KURUMATANI, Akihiro YAMAKI and Ryoji KIMURA</b>   |   |   |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |   |   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).<br/>The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). )</li> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> </ol> </li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>PCT/IB/304, Copy of the International Publication Cover Sheet, PCT/IPEA/409</b></li> </ol> |   |   |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO.<br><b>107518512</b>  |                 | INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO.<br>PCT/JP2003/07423                 |                     | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.<br>8007-1080   |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:<br><br><b>PCT FEES - NATIONAL STAGE</b>  |                 |  |                     |  | <b>CALCULATIONS</b><br>PTO USE ONLY |
| <b>Large Entity</b>   |                 | <b>Small Entity</b>  |                     | <b>Fee Description</b>   |                                     |
| <b>Fee Code</b>   | <b>Fee (\$)</b> | <b>Fee Code</b>  | <b>Fee (\$)</b>     |  |                                     |
| 1631  | 300.00          | 2631   | 150.00              | Basic National Stage Fee <span style="float: right;"><b>\$300.00</b></span>                        |                                     |
| 1632  | 500.00          | 2632   | 250.00              | National Stage Search Fee <span style="float: right;"><b>\$500.00</b></span>                       |                                     |
| 1633  | 200.00          | 2633   | 100.00              | National Stage Examination Fee <span style="float: right;"><b>\$200.00</b></span>                  |                                     |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20- <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (Fee Code 1617/2617)  |                 |  |                     |  | <b>\$0.00</b>                       |
| <b>SIZE FEE</b><br>Plant size fee each additional 50 sheets in excess of 100<br><br>Fee Code 1681/2681  |                 | <b>Additional Sheets</b><br><br>$26 - 100 = 0 = 0 \times 50$ |                     | <b>Fee From Below</b><br><b>\$250.00</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b>                       |
| <b>CLAIMS</b>   |                 | <b>NUMBER FILED</b>  | <b>NUMBER EXTRA</b> | <b>RATE</b>  |                                     |
| Independent Claims Fee Codes 1614 / 2614  |                 | 1 - 3 =  | 0                   | x \$200.00   | <b>\$0.00</b>                       |
| Total Claims Fee Codes 1615 / 2615  |                 | 19 - 20 =  | 0                   | x \$50.00  | <b>\$0.00</b>                       |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) Fee Code 1616 / 2616  |                 |  |                     | + \$360.00   | <b>\$0.00</b>                       |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). Fee Code 1618  |                 |  |                     |  | <b>\$0.00</b>                       |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). (Fee code 8021) \$40.00 per property +  |                 |  |                     |  | <b>\$40.00</b>                      |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>  |                 |  |                     |  | <b>\$1,040.00</b>                   |
|   |                 |  |                     |  | Amount to be refunded: \$           |
|   |                 |  |                     |  | Charged: \$                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <b>\$1,040.00</b> to cover the above fees is attached.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17. |                 |  |                     |  |                                     |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:<br>YOUNG & THOMPSON<br>745 South 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street<br>Arlington, VA 22202<br>Telephone: (703) 521-2297<br>Facsimile: (703) 685-0573   |                 |  |                     | <br>SIGNATURE |                                     |
| Y&T Customer No. <b>00466</b><br>EJ/at  |                 |  |                     | Eric Jensen, Reg. No. 37,855<br>NAME, REGISTRATION NUMBER  |                                     |
|   |                 |  |                     | December 21, 2004<br>DATE  |                                     |